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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002,
reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in
view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 5, and 8 as obvious
under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Borman, U.S. Patent No. 3,789,865,
in view of Luibrand, U.S. Patent No. 5,505,276, Bullard et
al., U.S. Patent No. 3,886,814, and Harper, U.S. Patent No.
6,066,060. The rejections of claims 1, 5, and 8 are
respectfully traversed.

With regard to claim 5, claim 5 depends from claim 13 but
has been rejected using fewer references than claim 13. This
rejection is improper. In rejecting claim 13, the Examiner
cited Few et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,035,903. However, Few et
al. was not cited in rejecting claim 5, which is dependent

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